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# **TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

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### **MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH 1972**

To the Chairman and Councillors,

The introduction to this Report is written with a certain nostalgia and sadness with the knowledge that the reorganisation of Local Government and the reorganisation of the National Health Service in April, 1974, brings our present association with the District Councils to an end. Nevertheless, the presentation is that of previous years and the main points of interest to date are drawn to your attention.

#### **The Nursing Services**

During the last 18 months priority has been given to preparing the staff for the changes that lie ahead of them; maintaining staff morale and improving the standard of the services. Nursing Officers have had the opportunity of attending relevant Management Courses and have benefited by the experience. Particular attention has been given to developing liaison between the Health Visitors and Social Workers at field work level, and in some districts in the Division the staff now meet regularly. Similarly, the development of joint nursing activities have been encouraged, particularly where health education and the staffing of the Family Planning Clinics are concerned, where both health visitors and midwives are now involved, and group meetings of staff of all nursing services are arranged from time to time to deal with matters of mutual concern. The nursing staff are, as far as has been practicable, all attached to the practices of family doctors, and we work towards making the "Community Health Team" a meaningful working relationship.

#### **Midwifery Service**

The improved standard of service in the Garforth area, attributed to the midwives being supplied with radio-telephones, was maintained. In June, 1973 this service was extended to include two additional midwives, one working in the Tadcaster Rural District and one in the Wetherby Rural District.

## **Family Planning Service**

In April, 1973 the County policy to provide a free family service became effective. This has resulted in some increase in demand for the service which has been contained. In May, 1973 a clinic was opened at Bishopthorpe primarily for West Riding residents who have previously used the service in York.

## **Conclusion**

In concluding this introduction I would like to pay tribute to two senior members of staff who have worked in the Division: Miss M. P. Bramley was Divisional Nursing Officer from 1965 until July, 1972, when she moved to the North Riding as Director of Nursing Services. Miss Bramley laid the foundations of the present structure of the nursing services, as well as supporting and helping to implement new schemes with a view to upgrading the services. Mr. F. H. Attack, Divisional Administrative Officer, retired from full-time employment in June, 1973. Mr. Attack had worked at the Divisional Health Office at Wetherby since its inception in 1947. In 1964 he was appointed Divisional Administrative Officer for the combined West Riding Divisions of 9 and 16. His extensive knowledge of the Division proved invaluable during the months of preparation for the unification of the health service.

Finally, I extend my thanks to all Divisional staff and to the District Councils and their staff for their help and support during the last 18 months.

ELIZABETH M. HARGREAVES,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

July, 1973.



TABLE 1  
PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1972

	Garforth Urban District	Rothwell Urban District	Stanley Urban District	Tadcaster Rural District	Wetherby Rural District	Divisional Totals
Population (Mid-year 1972)	26,210	28,300	21,240	35,190	31,160	142,100
Live Births:						
Total	573	367	354	499	427	2,220
Legitimate	557	350	340	472	407	2,126
Illegitimate	16	17	14	27	20	94
Stillbirths	7	8	3	13	3	34
Deaths of Infants:						
Legitimate	6	4	3	4	5	22
Illegitimate	1	—	—	3	1	5
Under one week	2	3	2	4	4	15
Under four weeks	2	3	2	4	5	16
Total under one year	7	4	3	7	6	27
Deaths (All causes)	241	448	215	374	294	1,572

CRUDE AND ADJUSTED RATES

Live Births	21.9	13.0	16.7	14.2	13.7	15.6
Live Births (Adjusted)	16.4	13.5	14.4	14.3	14.4	—
Illegitimate Births per						
1000 live births	27.7	46.3	39.5	54.1	46.8	42.3
Deaths (All causes)	9.2	15.8	10.1	10.6	9.4	11.1
Deaths (Adjusted)	13.6	13.1	13.0	11.4	11.2	—
Maternal Mortality	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stillbirths	12.1	21.3	8.4	25.4	7.0	15.1
Perinatal Mortality	15.5	29.3	14.0	33.2	16.3	21.7
Neo-Natal Mortality	3.5	8.2	5.6	8.0	11.7	7.2
Early Neo-Natal Mortality						
(under 1 week)	3.5	8.2	5.6	8.0	9.3	6.6
Infant Mortality						
All infants per 1000 live births	12.2	10.9	8.5	14.0	14.1	12.2
Legitimate infants per 1000						
legitimate live births	11.2	11.4	8.8	8.5	12.3	10.3
Illegitimate infants per 1000						
illegitimate live births	62.5	—	—	111.1	50.0	53.2
Tuberculosis - respiratory	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis - other	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis - all forms	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer (all forms)	1.87	2.26	2.02	2.39	1.64	2.05
Vascular lesions of the						
nervous system	1.14	4.56	1.60	1.56	1.48	2.07
Heart and Circulatory Disease	3.82	5.16	4.24	3.89	4.14	4.24
Respiratory Diseases	0.92	2.01	1.41	1.34	1.16	1.37
Comparability Factors:						
Births	0.75	1.04	0.86	1.01	1.05	—
Deaths	1.43	0.83	1.29	1.08	1.19	—

All the maternal mortality stillbirth and peri-natal mortality rates are per 1000 live and stillbirths

VITAL STATISTICS, see Table 1

The National Birth Rate has fallen in the year under review, being 16.0 per thousand population in 1971 and 14.8 in the current year. The Divisional Birth Rate, while higher than the national average, has fallen from 17.4 in 1971 to 15.6 in 1972.

The National Death Rate has risen from 11.6 in 1971 to 12.1 in 1972. The Divisional Death Rate follows this trend rising from 10.5 in 1971 to 11.1 in 1972.

TABLE 2  
RECORD OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS 1972

		GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT			ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT			STANLEY URBAN DISTRICT			TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT			WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Under 1 year	..	5	2	7	2	2	4	2	1	3	6	1	7	3	3	6
1— 4 years	..	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
5—14 years	..	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
15—24 years	..	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	3	-	3	-	1	1
25—34 years	..	5	2	7	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	3	1	-	1
35—44 years	..	3	3	6	5	-	5	2	1	3	4	5	9	1	6	7
45—54 years	..	8	6	14	21	7	28	9	4	13	16	8	24	13	4	17
55—64 years	..	24	15	39	32	17	49	32	10	42	34	24	58	41	13	54
65—74 years	..	25	34	59	87	57	144	38	21	59	70	34	104	49	33	82
75 and over	..	40	66	106	69	142	211	38	53	91	70	95	165	54	70	124
		112	129	241	219	229	448	123	92	215	205	169	374	163	131	294

Table 2 shows the age at death; it is pleasing to note the low death rates during the years of childhood to middle age.

TABLE 3  
CAUSES OF DEATH, 1972

	GARFORTH		ROTHWELL		STANLEY		TADCASTER		WETHERBY	
	URBAN		URBAN		URBAN		RURAL		RURAL	
	DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases ..	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Syphilis and its sequelae..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Malignant neoplasm:										
Buccal cavity, etc. ..	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Oesophagus ..	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	1	—
Stomach ..	3	1	3	3	3	2	3	7	3	1
Intestine ..	3	4	5	6	8	4	4	9	2	3
Larynx ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lung, Bronchus ..	6	3	11	2	5	3	16	7	12	1
Breast ..	—	3	—	6	—	3	—	8	—	4
Uterus ..	—	2	—	3	—	2	—	5	—	2
Prostate ..	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	3	—
Leukaemia ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms ..	13	8	10	8	5	5	15	7	10	7
Benign and unspecified neoplasms ..	1	2	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	1
Diabetes Mellitus ..	2	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other endocrine etc., diseases ..	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Avitaminoses, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Anaemias ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Mental disorders ..	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—
Meningitis ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Multiple Sclerosis ..	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system ..	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	2	1	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ..	—	5	2	—	—	3	—	1	—	2
Hypertensive disease ..	1	3	1	1	—	2	1	3	2	—
Ischaemic heart disease ..	34	31	58	51	41	21	68	35	63	35
Other forms of heart disease ..	3	11	7	18	7	8	5	9	4	5
Cerebrovascular disease ..	8	22	49	80	12	22	26	29	17	29
Other diseases of circulatory system ..	2	10	5	3	6	2	5	10	11	7
Influenza ..	4	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	1	2
Pneumonia ..	6	5	9	10	4	2	16	9	9	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema ..	4	—	26	6	17	4	13	4	10	2
Asthma ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases of respiratory system ..	3	2	2	—	1	—	3	2	1	—
Carried forward ..	95	115	207	212	114	85	184	150	155	117

TABLE 3—continued

	GARFORTH		ROTHWELL		STANLEY		TADCASTER		WETHERBY	
	URBAN		URBAN		URBAN		RURAL		RURAL	
	DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Brought Forward ..	96	115	207	212	114	85	184	150	155	117
Peptic Ulcer ..	1	1	2	2	1	1	—	1	—	1
Appendicitis ..	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Intestinal obstruction and hernia ..	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
Other diseases of digestive system ..	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	4	—	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis..	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2
Hyperplasia of prostate ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Other diseases, genito- urinary system ..	1	2	1	1	—	1	2	1	—	2
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Diseases of musculo- skeletal system ..	2	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
Congenital anomalies ..	2	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ..	—	1	1	2	1	—	2	—	2	2
Other causes of perinatal mortality ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions ..	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	6	—	—
Motor vehicle accidents ..	3	1	1	1	—	—	4	—	5	—
All other accidents ..	5	4	2	2	3	1	3	5	—	3
	—	1	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	1
	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	112	129	219	229	123	92	205	169	163	131

Table 3 shows the Causes of Death. We are experiencing a change in the pattern of disease, partially due to demographic changes which is reflected in the causes of death. There is an increase in incidence of the degenerative diseases, the commonest affecting the arteries, and the highest single cause of death is that from cardiovascular disease. The second highest cause is cancer, in particular, lung cancer, which is directly attributable to cigarette smoking. Deaths from motor car accidents have fallen from 22 in 1971 to 15, but remain the highest single cause of death in the young adult.



TABLE 4

## INFANT MORTALITY, 1972

Deaths from stated causes under one year of age

Cause of Death		Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total under 1 year
1.	Prematurity ..	11	1	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	12
2.	Congenital Abnormalities										
	(a) C.N.S. ..	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	5
	(b) C.V.S. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	(c) Other ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Infection										
	(a) Respiratory	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	6
	(b) Alimentary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(c) Other ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Haemorrhage ..	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
5.	Asphyxia										
	(a) Inhalation of vomit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
		15	1	-	-	16	2	3	5	1	27

Table 4 shows the causes of death in 27 children who died during the first year of life. 15 of these deaths were in the first week, when the highest single cause was prematurity. Congenital abnormalities and respiratory infections continue to be noteworthy causes of death during the first year of life. The infant mortality rate of 12.2 compares favourably with the national average of 17.0.



TABLE 5

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1972

	DISEASE	Total all ages 1970	Total all ages 1971	Total all ages 1972	Under 1 year	1—4 years	5—14 years	15—45 years	46—64 years	Over 65 years	Age unknown
Garforth U.D.	Measles ...	121	7	78	4	41	31	2	—	—	—
	Scarlet Fever ...	21	6	19	—	6	12	1	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	25	17	6	1	4	1	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	1	9	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	Dysentery ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bothwell U.D.	Measles ...	374	224	197	26	78	87	5	—	1	—
	Scarlet Fever ...	18	39	51	5	11	33	2	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	1	4	3	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	13	47	8	2	6	—	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	20	10	27	—	—	10	9	5	3	—
	Dysentery ...	8	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stanley U.D.	Measles ...	146	225	92	8	38	44	—	—	—	2
	Scarlet Fever ...	6	15	14	—	3	10	—	—	—	1
	Meningococcal Infection ...	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	16	18	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	3	3	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
	Dysentery ...	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Typhoid Fever ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Tadcaster R.D.	Measles ...	292	64	157	4	60	86	6	—	—	1
	Scarlet Fever ...	4	5	10	—	6	4	—	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	21	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	9	1	5	—	—	3	1	—	—	1
	Dysentery ...	4	3	4	—	1	2	1	—	—	—
	Typhoid Fever ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wetherby R.D.	Food Poisoning ...	—	—	5	—	—	—	4	—	—	1
	Measles ...	193	5	273	11	83	173	—	—	—	6
	Scarlet Fever ...	3	5	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	—	1	5	—	2	—	3	—	—	—
	Malaria ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	3	7	5	—	—	1	4	—	—	—
Wetherby R.D.	Dysentery ...	4	5	6	1	3	2	—	—	—	—

**Table 5.** Infectious Diseases notified during the year. The morbidity and mortality from the notifiable infectious diseases continues to fall. This is due to two great medical advances: the discovery of effective drugs and the development of wide-spread immunisation against specific diseases. There is a need to be alert to the importation of infectious disease. There were two such examples in the Division during 1972, one being a confirmed case of psittacosis contracted from a pet parrot, the other being a case of Typhoid Fever contracted in the Far East.

TABLE 6

TUBERCULOSIS — NEW CASES NOTIFIED 1972

AGE				Garforth U.D.				Rothwell U.D.				Stanley U.D.				Tadcaster R.D.				Wetherby R.D.			
				Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
5 - 9 years	..			-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	..	..	..	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	..	..	..	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	..	..	..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	..	..	..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	..			2	-	-	2	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	1

**Table 6** shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year. We may be lulled into a sense of false security in assuming we have been successful in fully controlling tuberculosis. Preventive measures, together with chemotherapy, have certainly been very effective. That the disease is not fully controlled can be seen by the small number of children, 4.05%

in the Division, who have a positive Heaf test and thus are not referred for vaccination. During 1972 1,476 children received B.C.G. vaccination in the Division.

TABLE 7

DISTRICT	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Garforth Urban	20	22	4	6
Rothwell Urban	51	26	15	3
Stanley Urban	6	11	4	1
Tadcaster Rural	34	20	5	5
Wetherby Rural	17	19	5	8
	128	98	33	23

Table 7 shows the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year.

TABLE 8

DISTRICT	Domiciliary Deliveries		Hospital Deliveries		Percentage of Domiciliary Deliveries	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
Garforth Urban	204	182	404	398	33.5	31.4
Rothwell Urban	98	75	313	300	23.8	20.0
Stanley Urban	123	84	279	273	30.6	20.4
Tadcaster Rural	101	91	477	421	17.5	17.7
Wetherby Rural	39	45	439	385	8.9	10.5
	565	477	1912	1777	22.0	21.1

Table 8 gives the number of deliveries at home and in hospital for the five districts that comprise the Division. There has, to date, been a variation in the percentage of home confinements in the different districts. This year there has been a fall of 10.2% in the domiciliary delivery rate in Stanley Urban District, the number of hospital deliveries remaining similar to 1971. The percentage of domiciliary deliveries for Rothwell and Stanley Urban Districts and Tadcaster Rural District are now comparable.



TABLE 9  
VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Primary Immunisation Course	Children born in year:—					Total
	1972	1971	1970	1969	Pre-1969	
Poliomyelitis	28	1710	468	18	41	2265
Diphtheria	28	1703	468	18	34	2256
Pertussis	28	1699	460	16	16	2219
Tetanus	28	1708	468	18	49	2271
Measles	—	1055	789	62	101	2007
Rubella	—	—	—	—	644	644

TABLE 10

Re-inforcing Doses	Children born in year:—					Total
	1972	1971	1970	1969	Pre-1969	
Poliomyelitis	—	19	28	6	2798	2851
Diphtheria	—	21	28	6	1509	1564
Pertussis	—	21	25	7	196	249
Tetanus	—	25	38	20	2896	2979

Tables 9 and 10 show the number of children who have been vaccinated or immunised. The acceptance rate for rubella vaccination of 11 year old girls remains about 50% of the age group.

## **The Child Health Service**

Continuity of care from the birth of a child to it attaining school leaving age, which incidentally was raised in September, 1972 from 15 to 16 years, is assured by the continuation of the scheme whereby the child's development is periodically assessed in the pre-school period, followed by further programmed health screening at school. The medical staff are increasingly involved with the assessment of handicapped children, including an increasing number of children with multiple handicaps, and we are grateful for the co-operation we receive from paediatricians in the hospital service with this work. Particular attention is also given to the assessment of children with learning difficulties, often in liaison with the Psychologist and every effort is made to recommend optimum placement for children at school.

The number of pupils attending schools in the Division as at the 30th September, 1972, was 24,500, and of this number 2,453 received a full medical examination after school entry. The physical condition of one pupil was considered to be unsatisfactory by the school doctor. School nurses undertook 50,785 cleanliness inspections and found 503 pupils to be infested. 4,686 6-7 year olds had a routine hearing test and 127 were referred for investigation. During 1972 we were fortunate in obtaining additional support for the deaf child when a peripatetic teacher of the deaf was appointed to the Division on a part-time basis. 40 were known to be in school with hearing aids and this number includes 29 pupils at Bridge House Special School. 1,061 children were assessed at the Eye Clinics for errors of refraction and 273 children had glasses prescribed. 82 children, who had learning difficulties, were assessed by the medical staff, and 86 children referred to the Child Guidance Clinics at Rothwell and Tadcaster.

## **Sanitary Circumstances**

A comprehensive statement of the sanitary circumstances of the area will be found in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.



**GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND CLEANSING**  
**SUPERINTENDENT**  
**for the year 1972**

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Garforth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the work carried out  
by your Public Health Department.

**HOUSING**

There is no problem in this area regarding slum clearance but it may be necessary from time to time to deal with the odd individual house which is allowed to fall so far into a state of disrepair as to be incapable of being made fit for human habitation at reasonable expense. During the year a further 9 houses were represented as being unfit for human habitation, bringing the total dealt with in post war years to 487, 134 at Allerton Bywater, 103 at Garforth and 245 at Kippax. The table further on shows details of the action taken regarding slum clearance since 1947. I also have to report that there is no statutory overcrowding in the Urban District.

No Council dwellings were completed during the year so the total of 2,022 remains the same as last year, 639 at Allerton Bywater, 711 at Garforth and 672 at Kippax. During 1972 a further 173 houses were completed by private firms, but as the greater percentage of these were purchased by families from outside the area the demand for rented accommodation continues. The total number of outstanding housing applications shows an increase on last year and is 976, 213 at Allerton Bywater, 529 at Garforth and 234 at Kippax. From an examination of these applications it is pretty obvious that there is a great need for accommodation for the elderly as there are now 417 applications for bungalows or flats compared with last year's figures of 375, 95 at Allerton Bywater, 249 at Garforth and 73 at Kippax. However, it is pleasing to report that the bungalows and aged persons' grouped flatlet block at Allerton Bywater and the maisonettes and aged persons' grouped

flatlet block at Halliday Court, Garforth, both incorporating communal facilities and wardens' accommodation are at an advanced stage of construction and should be completed shortly.

Following a report from the National Coal Board that mining in the Mount Pleasant area of Kippax will not affect housing development, work is to commence shortly on 64 aged persons flats, six months earlier than originally planned. The development will consist of eight three-storey blocks, each containing four single flatlets, three four-person flats and one six person flat. Communal facilities and a wardens flat are also included in the scheme.

Work has now commenced on the Aged Persons Communal Rooms at East Garforth, and this long awaited amenity is due for completion in May, 1973.

The following tables give details of slum clearance progress since 1947 :—

Year		Allerton	Bywater		Garforth		Kippax
1947	...	4	...	—	...		4
1948	...	25	...	1	...		8
1949	...	1	...	—	...		16
1950	...	9	...	—	...		11
1951	...	7	...	—	...		19
1952	...	1	...	—	...		11
1953	...	9	...	28	...		15
1954	...	19	...	—	...		12
1955	...	7	...	—	...		20
1956	...	6	...	10	...		32
1957	...	28	...	12	...		5
1958	...	7	...	7	...		12
1959	...	—	...	1	...		9
1960	...	1	...	4	...	—	
1961	...	—	...	2	...		9
1962	...	—	...	1	...		7
1963	...	—	...	—	...		14
1964	...	2	...	13	...		5
1965	...	3	...	2	...		1
1966	...	4	...	15	...		14
1967	...	—	...	—	...		6
1968	...	—	...	2	...		2
1969	...	—	...	1	...		2
1970	...	—	...	—	...		11
1971	...	1	...	—	...		—
1972	...	—	...	9	...		—
		<hr/> 134 <hr/>	...	<hr/> 108 <hr/>	...		<hr/> 245 <hr/>

	Allerton	Bywater	Garforth	Kippax	Total
Number of houses represented		134	108	245	487
Number of families re-housed		134	102	245	481
Number of persons re-housed		432	304	750	1486
Number of undertakings accepted to repair or not to use for human habitation		4	9	11	24
Number of families still to re-house		—	6	—	6
Number of new houses erected		421	427	491	1339
Percentage of houses built allocated to slum clearance		31.6%	25.3%	49.9%	36.4%

### Sanitary Accommodation

All but seven dwellings in the district are provided with satisfactory water closets. These seven houses are situated in very isolated parts of the area where the cost of providing a water carriage system would far exceed the value of the property.

### Improvement of Houses

During the year the Council decided to go ahead with the improvement of all pre war Council dwellings in the area and at present the work of modernisation is proceeding satisfactorily. Caravans and shells have been purchased to provide temporary accommodation for the tenants and their belongings while the houses are being modernised. The scheme is due for completion by June, 1974.

The improvement of privately owned dwellings continued to progress at a satisfactory rate and during the year 44 standard grant applications and 21 improvement grant applications were approved. During the same period 52 dwellings were improved, resulting in the provision of 47 baths, 44 wash hand basins, 49 internal W.Cs. and 31 sink units and the total amount paid to owners in the form of grants was £16,908. In addition to the provision of the standard amenities much other work was carried out at these dwellings and the Council continued to give loans to applicants to cover the cost of the work not covered by grant.

The increase in the amount of grant to 75% of the cost of improvement work has had the expected result and owners are encouraged to modernise their houses up to the 12 point



standard. At the time of writing, many properties have been visited to advise the owners on the procedure to apply for an improvement grant and I fully expect to see a record number of applications submitted during 1973.

Since the inception of the grant system a total of 1,012 applications have been received and of these 996 have been approved and 16 rejected. A total of 866 dwellings have been satisfactorily improved and repaired at a total cost of £265,486 of which £167,671 was paid to the owners in grants.

The requirement that a Qualification Certificate must be obtained under the Housing Finance Act, 1972 to convert a controlled tenancy to a regulated tenancy does ensure that a tenanted property is improved and satisfactorily repaired before the landlord can apply to the Rent Officer for an increased rental. It was anticipated that there would be many applications for Qualification Certificates from Landlords, but very few have been received.

### **Abatement of Nuisances**

380 inspections were made during the year regarding nuisances following complaints received and most of the problems were solved by informal action. 150 informal notices were issued. An increasing number of complaints arise concerning neighbours disputes over which the Council has no jurisdiction.

### **Water Supply**

All water in this area is supplied by Leeds Corporation and is distributed throughout the district by mains from the two reservoirs at Garforth Cliff. Generally speaking a satisfactory supply of wholesome water was provided throughout the year and any complaints regarding discolouration or inadequate pressure, were quickly dealt with. The only part of the area where inadequate pressure does give rise to some concern is at East Garforth where very extensive housing development is taking place, but the Officers of Leeds Corporation are aware of the position and new mains are to be provided in the near future.

The quality of the water supplied was highly satisfactory and is regularly sampled for both chemical and bacteriological analysis by the Water Department. Samples are also taken regularly by this Department for bacteriological examination and in all cases the results from the Public Health Laboratory showed that the water sampled was free from contamination.

Below is a Summary of chemical analyses of the Public Water Supply for the year ended 31st December, 1972.

Parts per million except where otherwise stated				
	Average	Maximum	Minimum	
Turbidity (Silica Scale) ...	Less than 2	5	Less than 2	
Colour (Hazen Units) ...	Less than 5	18	Less than 5	
pH ...	8.6	9.2	7.6	
Free Carbon Dioxide ...	Nil	1.2	Nil	
Alkalinity (Carbonate Hardness) (in terms of $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) ...	23	32	18	
Total Hardness (in terms of $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) ...	78	88	70	
Non-carbonate (Permanent) Hardness (in terms of $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) ...	55	66	38	
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in 4 hours at 27° C. ...	0.63	1.4	Nil	
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (in terms of N) ...	0.038	0.104	0.002	
Albuminoid Nitrogen (in terms of N) ...	0.031	0.086	0.013	
Nitrite Nitrogen (in terms of N) ...	Trace	0.02	Nil	
Nitrate Nitrogen (in terms of N) ...	2.0	2.5	1.6	
Chlorine present as Chloride (in terms of Cl) ...	33.5	37	30	
Silica (in terms of $\text{SiO}_2$ ) ...	6.8	11	5	
Iron Compounds (in terms of Fe) ...	0.05	0.4	Nil	
Manganese Compounds (in terms of Mn) ...	0.02	0.08	Nil	
Total Solids (dried at 180° C.)	223	250	194	
Electrical Conductivity at 20° C. (Micromhos per $\text{cm}^3$ )	308	355	270	
Residual Chlorine (on reaching consumer) ...	Trace	0.45	Nil	



**Sewage Disposal**

The work on the enlargement and improvement of the Owlwood Sewage Works has now been completed and a start has been made on the reconstruction of the sewerage system at Kippax. To complete the scheme a new sewer is to be constructed from the Ninelands Lane area of Garforth to Garforth Bridge, and a new trunk sewer is to be laid from Garforth Bridge to the Owlwood Sewage Works.

**Swimming Baths**

During the year work has commenced on the new swimming pool at Station Road, Kippax, and providing no unforeseen difficulties arise, it will be completed in February, 1974. Eventually it is hoped to provide a recreation centre at this central point of the area, incorporating tennis courts, bowling green, children's play area, multipurpose recreation hall, squash courts, paddling pool, floodlit games area and a football ground.

**Factories and Workshops**

**Factories Act, 1961**

Parts I and VIII of the Act are administered by the Council. The following table gives details of the action taken.

**Part I of the Act**

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health  
(Including Inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of:—		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	—	—	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	56	44	7	—
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	6	16	—	—
TOTALS	62	60	7	—

There were 7 cases where sanitary conveniences were found to be defective and prompt action was taken to remedy the defects.

## Part VIII of the Act

Only 2 persons are listed as outworkers in this area and both are employed in the making of wearing apparel.

## Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Re-inspection of premises registered under the above Act has continued during the year and any contraventions of the provisions of the Regulations were quickly remedied when brought to the notice of the owners or occupiers. On the whole, the conditions existing in shops, offices and other premises covered by the Act in this area are satisfactory.

The West Riding Fire Prevention Officers were once again always ready and willing to give us the benefit of their experience regarding any problem which arose and I would like to record my appreciation of their services.

Only three notifications of accidents were received and on investigation no further action was found to be necessary.

The following tables are extracts from the Annual Report submitted to the Factory Inspectorate Division of the Department of Employment:—

Class of premises	No. of Premises Registered during year	Total No. of Registered Premises; at end of year	No. of General Inspections
Offices	... 10	43	16
Retail Shops	... 12	83	30
Wholesale Shops	... 2	7	4
Catering Establishments	... 2	16	8
Fuel Storage Depots	... —	—	—
Totals	... 26	149	58

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## CLASS OF WORKPLACE

	No. of Persons
Offices ...	487
Retail Shops ...	309
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses ...	138
Catering establishments open to public ...	75
Canteens ...	9
Fuel Storage Depots ...	—
Total	1,018
Total Males	521
Total Females	497

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## Food Inspection

No slaughtering is carried out in the Urban District, all meat being purchased from wholesalers in Leeds and Castleford. Frequent inspections have been made of meat and other foods and shopkeepers do not hesitate to seek advice if they are at all doubtful as to the fitness of food for sale to the public. The manufacturers of food are most concerned if a complaint arises regarding their products and immediate steps are taken to investigate the cause, to avoid any recurrence. During the year, 10 complaints were received from customers who purchased food which was not up to the required standard and these complaints were promptly dealt with.

From the table below it will be seen that a considerable amount of food had to be condemned during the year, and once again the main reason for the unfitness of the food was the breakdown of refrigeration plants at the supermarkets in the area.

## Food condemned as unfit for human consumption

### Frozen Foods :—

Meat	... 2001 packets
Fish	... 2817 packets
Vegetables	... 2464 packets
Fruit	... 43 packets
Cream	... 60 packets
Confectionery	983 packets
Ice Cream	... 551 packets

### Tinned Foods:—

Fruit	... 79 tins
Sweets	... 9 tins
Drinks	... 36 tins
Vegetables	... 3 tins
Cream	... 4 tins
Meat	... 11 tins
Miscellaneous Foods	... 102 tins



#### Fresh Foods:—

Butter	...	109 lbs.	Jams	...	16 jars
Beef	...	140 lbs.	Flour	...	6 packets
Ham	...	12 lbs.			
Vegetables		1176 lbs			

#### Bakehouses

Regular inspections were carried out at the 6 bakehouses in the area and on one occasion it was necessary to take action to deal with a very minor infestation of cockroaches. Generally speaking, a satisfactory standard has been maintained throughout the year.

#### Ice Cream

There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the area, but 80 shops are registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 for the sale of ice cream. Shopkeepers wishing to retail ice cream are informed by the manufacturers that no supplies will be delivered until a Registration Certificate has been issued and this arrangement has helped the Department considerably in keeping a close check on the conditions under which the product is sold.

#### Preserved Foods, etc.

There are 19 premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale. Regular inspections have been made of these premises and the standard maintained has been quite satisfactory. Two of the butchers premises have been completely modernised during the year and a third is at present undergoing reconstruction.

#### Food Hygiene

179 premises in the area are subject to the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations. Regular inspections are made and generally speaking a high standard of hygiene has been maintained throughout the year. All plans received by the Council of new food shops and of alterations to existing premises are submitted to this office for observation prior to approval and I would like to record my appreciation of the co-operation received from the Officers of your Surveyor's Department. This practice ensures that premises comply with the requirements of the Regulations, right from the outset.

Set out below is a list of food premises in the area:—

Bakers	6
Butchers	20
Catering Establishments	9
Chemists	6
Confectioners	13
Fish and Chips	17
Food Warehouses and Wholesalers	2
Greengrocers	13
Grocers	41
Off Licences	8
Public Houses	17
Supermarkets	4
Sweets, etc.	23

### **Milk and Dairies Regulations**

All milk retailers in this area obtain their supplies from large dairy combines in Leeds and Castleford. Bottled milk from Associated Dairies is delivered daily to their refrigerated distribution depot at Green Lane, Garforth, from where local milk retailers collect their supplies. Nineteen of the twenty-eight milk dealers deliver on only six days per week during the winter months and it is pleasing to report that no complaints were received during the year by this Department regarding the keeping quality of milk. Four complaints were received concerning the cleanliness of bottles and in each case immediate investigations were carried out into the cause of the trouble.

### **Prevention of Damage by Pests Act**

All work under the above Act continues to be carried out by a firm of specialists on a yearly contract.

The following table gives details regarding the control of rats and mice during the year:—



Properties other than Sewers	Type of property	
	Non-agicultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	9777	25
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises inspected following notification)	244	10
(b) Number infested by (1) Rats	202	6
(2) Mice	42	4
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	416	15
(b) Number infested by (1) Rats	91	10
(2) Mice	13	4

### **Sewers**

No sewers were infested by rats during the year.

### **Clean Air Act**

Once again industrialists in the area have readily co-operated with the Council when installing new or altering existing boiler plants and no real problem exists regarding pollution of the atmosphere from industrial smoke.

### **Caravan Sites**

The one licensed caravan site in the area presents very few problems due mainly to the fact that the owner resides on the site and maintains strict supervision. Many improvements have been carried out and the recommendations of the Fire Officer regarding the provision of adequate fire fighting equipment have now been complied with.

### **Storage of Petroleum Spirit**

There are 24 licensed petroleum spirit stores in the area and the total storage capacity is 111,200 gallons.

The West Riding County Fire Service thoroughly inspected and reported on every installation and all work required to satisfy the conditions of licence was carried out.

### **Refuse Collection**

Once again, a regular service of refuse collection has been maintained throughout the area and the practice of removing

extra unwanted articles has continued. It is quite obvious that members of the public do appreciate the Council's policy of allowing the workmen to remove all manner of household rubbish. Bulky items, such as furniture, cookers, refrigerators, etc. are collected on request and consequently very few complaints arise regarding these items being scattered around the countryside.

During the year, three new refuse collection vehicles were delivered to replace three old type vehicles. These new vehicles are of the continuous loading type and are much better equipped to cope with the extra volume of refuse which increases year by year.

### **Refuse Disposal**

Unfortunately, it became necessary to discontinue the tipping area at the entrance to Brierlands because it was becoming a dumping ground for all and sundry for miles around. At present residents of the Urban District are allowed to take their extra rubbish on to the Brierlands tip.

The Weatherill L.50 loading shovel, purchased by the Council in 1971 has made a vast improvement regarding tipping space at Brierlands, and I am in no doubt that enough space for tipping will be available until this authority goes out of existence in 1974.

In conclusion may I express my appreciation of the help I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Council, particularly the Chairman of the Public Health Committee. I must also express my thanks for the co-operation I have received from the Medical Officer of Health and other Officials of the Council.

During the year, Mr. R. A. Naylor, your Public Health Inspector for the past 27 years, retired and I am sure you would wish me to place on record the Council's appreciation of his services to the Urban District.

In October, Mr. I. Webster was appointed Additional Public Health Inspector.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,

Yours faithfully,

R. COCKERHAM,

Public Health Inspector.



